

## THE LAW PUNISHES ONE CLASS OF CADETS AND LEGALIZES ANOTHER CLASS

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A cadet is supposed to be the lowest type of man in the social scale. He is the creature who lives off the sale of women's bodies and the law has set aside a severe punishment for him.

But the law, ever inconsistent, punishes one criminal and creates another. The law provides that the murderer shall lose his life and makes of the officer of the law who carries out that sentence a murderer, also, since he, too, has taken human life, though he has taken it legally.

In the same way the law that punishes cadets has legalized another set of men who live off the sale of women's bodies.

You see them every day in the morals court, the court made necessary by the law that prostitution must be punished for the good of public morals.

This legalized cadet is the professional bondsman. There are several bondsmen who do nothing else but hang around the police stations to go on the bonds of women arrested on the streets. They charge for this service from \$3 to \$5, usually \$5, and make a fortune out of this.

Some of them combine the profession of law with that of bondsman. In this way they get double fees. Often they will represent the girl in court, ask for a continuance, especially if a house has been raided, and charge the girl an extra \$5 for this continuance.

They do a land office business over Sunday, for many girls will beg, borrow or steal rather than remain in the filthy police cells, and it is not an unusual thing for a bondsman to make from \$300 to \$500 over Sunday.

They not only go on the bonds of these women who live by the sale of their bodies, but they often pay the fines of those convicted. One girl,

arrested three times in one week, paid for a bond each time, and paid a fine each time. You can figure the number of times that girl would be compelled to sell herself over and over in order to pay off this indebtedness to the legalized cadet.

On a lesser scale, because they do not reap the same harvest, this applies to the morals squad who make the arrests of the girls brought into this court. These men must make a certain number of arrests in order to have the taxpayers consider their services necessary and therefore be paid their salaries.

The appellate court has declared that arrests made under entrapment are illegal. This is the way the morals squad make their arrests.

Just a short time ago in open court a morals squad man admitted soliciting a woman of the streets, going to a room with her, paying \$3 for the room, giving the girl \$3 and even partially disrobing before his brother officers came in and arrested the girl and the owner of the house.

This man plotted, planned and carried out that crime. He was an accessory before the fact and equally guilty with the girl, but he entered in his little book one more addition to his splendid record and left the court to plot and plan and carry out similar crimes, and the girl found guilty on his evidence was fined.

That is a common occurrence. The greater portion of arrests of girls of the street are made by officers who first solicit the girls, make the proposal that they go to a room, even pay the girl and then arrest her, and the man helps the city garner in fines paid by the sale of women's bodies, gives the professional bondsman a chance to get more money out of the girl who must sell her body to obtain it and himself is paid his salary because he inspired prostitution.

Public opinion could force a rem-